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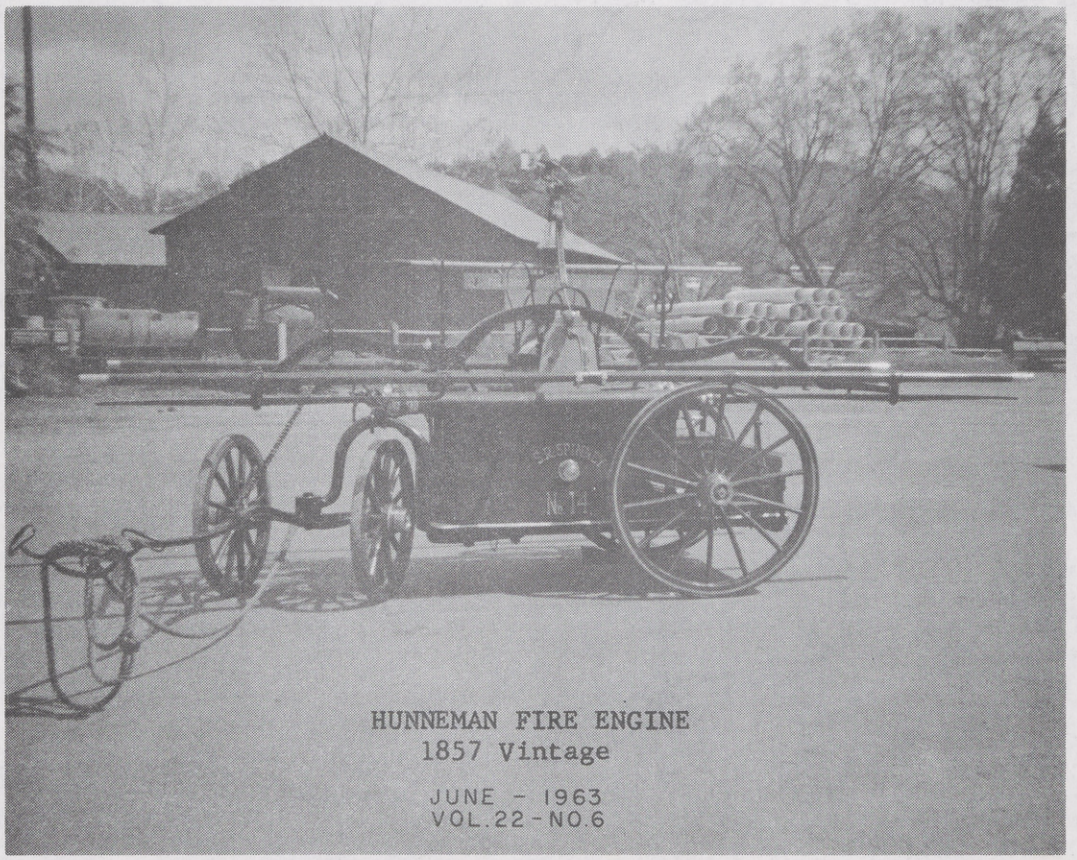

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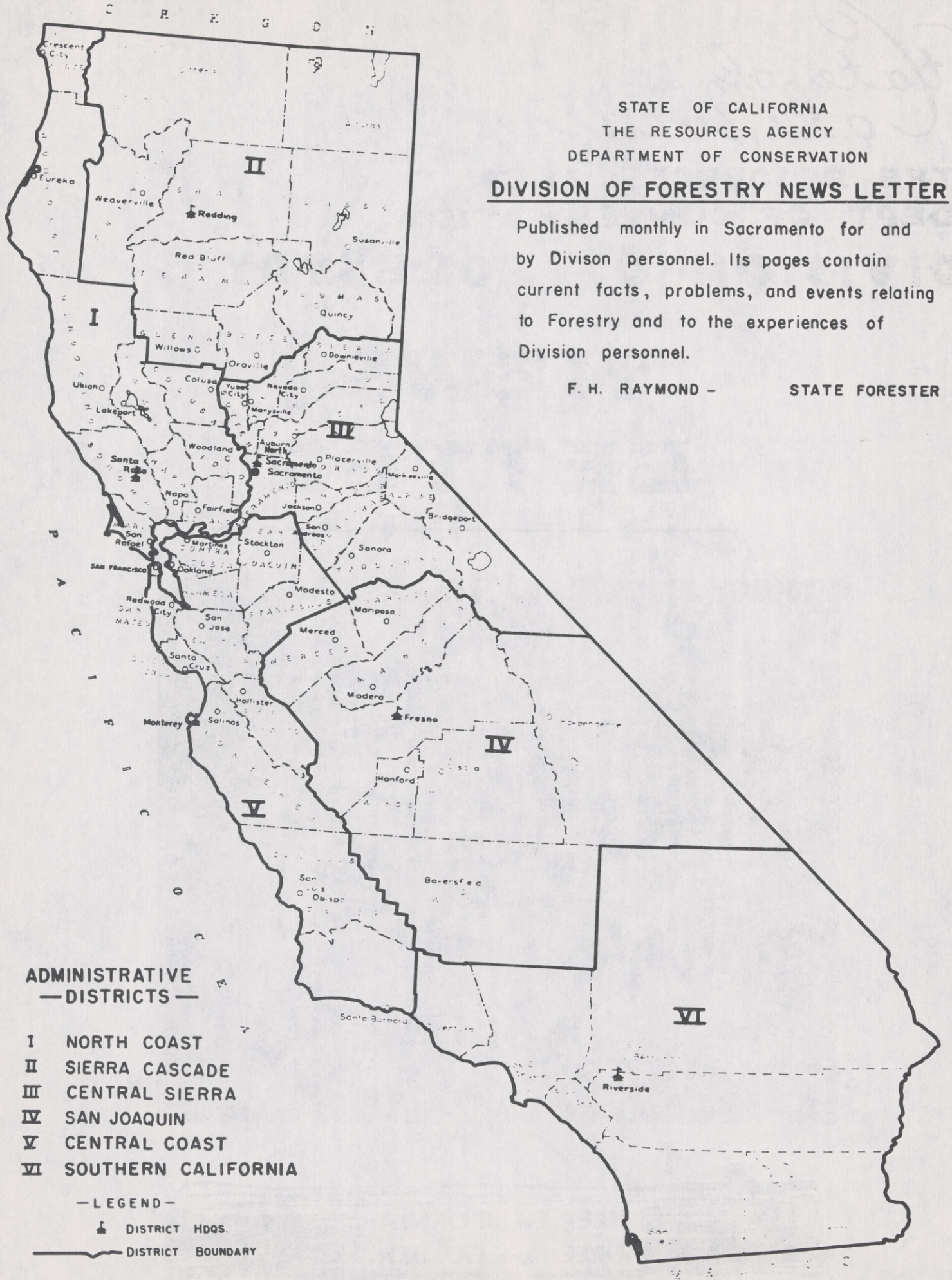

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MAY ACTIVITIES

FIRE SUPPRESSION

Fire season was officially declared as of May 31, 1963, in the five northern districts and as of May 13, 1963, in the Southern California district. Usually the fire season is declared several weeks earlier than this, but favorable weather resulted in a delay this year. These same weather conditions permitted the Division to defer the employment of seasonal fire control classes which will somewhat counter balance last Fall's extended fire season.

The heavy and well-spaced rains which fell throughout the northern and central part of California during the winter and spring months has resulted in an exceptionally heavy growth of grass. When this stand of grass becomes thoroughly dry in a month or so, the Division expects many flashy, fast-moving and hard-to-control fires.

FOREST FIRE RESEARCH

The U. S. Forest Service and the California Division of Forestry again cooperated in presenting the annual training session to air tanker and helicopter owners and pilots who would be working for the two public fire control agencies during the 1963 fire season. At Sacramento in Northern California and at Pasadena in Southern California, a full day's session for the air tanker pilots and operators was followed by a second full day of training for the helicopter people.

Mixing tests of Dow Chemical Company's viscosity agent M-2496 were conducted at the Placerville Airport early in May. The dry powder was mixed at the rate of 1.4 pounds per 100 gallons of water, producing a smooth gel-like material w hich stuck to the brush in a thick cooling layer of water. The gel was mixed by way of a special eductor unit developed by the Dow Chemical Company people. This eductor unit has been adapted for use in loading helitankers quickly. During the mixing tests 100 gallons of water were pumped into the helitanker in 45 seconds. As the water went through and into the helitanker, the 1.4 pounds of M-2496 powder were introduced. A gel was formed in the helitank in about another minute's time. This material and the equipment developed for mixing it appears to have much promise, particularly for helitankers and perhaps also for fire trucks. Tests of the material will be made in the El Dorado Fire Station fire truck and in the Pine Belt helicopters helitanker during the 1963 fire season. Interest in the viscosity agent has increased considerably which may find the material also being tested elsewhere in California.

FIRE CONTROL PLANNING

A meeting was held at the Regional Office of the U. S. Forest Service regarding specific details of the Fire Damage Appraisal report. This will be the first year the new system has been used to obtain a dollar value for the timber burned by fires in the Division's area of responsibility. The system was applied on a trial basis in Districts I, II, and III. The final compilations Part 2 of the annual statistical Clarke-McNary Report submitted to the Forest Service.

FIRE WEATHER COORDINATOR

A large part of the month was taken up in the preparation of a major revision to the Wildland Fire Danger Rating Handbook. Also worked with the fire weather forecasters on plans and preparations for the forthcoming fire season.

Weather teletype service was resumed in the Fire Control Office on May 1st and monitoring of fire weather conditions throughout the State was also resumed at that time.

Participated in some experimental test plot burning conducted by the Pacific Southwest Forest and Range Experiment Station in the Sierra Forest.

AGRICULTURAL FIRE PROTECTION

A detailed study was made of the State's allotments to the five (5) Contract Counties. Figures were compiled on costs at States standards and levels of services vs. costs at counties standards and levels of service.

A joint meeting was held between Division of Forestry representatives from the State Forester's Office and the District II District Office and representatives of the National Park Service at the Whiskeytown reservoir site to discuss problems pertaining to fire protection to State Responsibility lands above the Whiskeytown Reservoir.

The Division of Forestry was represented at a meeting of the Colusa County Fireman's Association at Arbuckle.

WATERSHED MANAGEMENT - PUBLIC LAW 566

A representative of the State Forester's Office met with representatives of the U. S. Forest Service, San Francisco, to review progress and coordinate planning efforts on miscellaneous watershed projects on private and U. S. Forest Service lands.

District IV was assisted in the preparation of "field reconnaissance studies of the California West Side Program."

The State Forester was represented at the May meeting and field tour of the State Soil Conservation Commission, held in the Fresno area.

The May meeting of those State and Federal Agencies involved and or interested in planning on Public Law 566 projects in California, was also attended.

FOREST PRACTICES

Three plans for methods to harvest timber that are alternate to requirements of the State Forest Practice Rules of the Redwood Forest District were approved by the Board ofForestry May 24. All of them are located in Humboldt County and permit block-cutting with provision for seeding or planting to establish a new crop of trees.

INSECT CONTROL

Operations to control the pine bark beetle epidemic in the Sierras ceased in mid-May. Treatment can only take place while the insects are in the larval stage in the tree; and since the adult beetles have emerged, control work had to b e halted until this fall. Since late 1962 the Division of Forestry conducted six projects from El Dorado County south to the Tehachapis. Twelve crews from

Conservation Camps operated in cooperation with the Department of Corrections were used. They worked fourteen weeks and treated about 8,500 trees with half the cost borne each by the State and the landowner.

The heavy spring rains hampered insect control efforts. Three weeks' time was lost because of roads being impassable due to rain and snow. However, some compensation for this lost time is expected since the above normal precipitation should relieve the drought conditions that have prevailed for the past several years and make the trees more vigorous enabling them to withstand future insect attack better.

Maintenance control of insects in Southern California on six projects is continuing. Biological conditions there permit treatment throughout most the year.

More knowledge about insects, their environmental requirements, and control methods is essential to more effectively cope with the heavy damage sustained by California forests. This was the finding of the California Forest Pest Control Action Council which made a report on insect research needs to the Board of Forestry May 24 at their request. Distribution of the report to interested individuals and organizations was approved by the Board. The report recommends that insect research in California be increased from the present annual expenditure by all public and private agencies of $280,000 to a level of $957,500. Included in the recommendations was the need for two additional foresters for the Division of Forestry to detect, investigate, and survey damage caused by forest pests.

TIMBER BLOWDOWN

Losses in timber caused by last fall's typhoon Freda were examined in the field jointly by the California and Pacific Northwest Pest Control Action Councils May 28-29. These Councils are composed of representatives of public and private agencies and act to evaluate and coordinate the detection and control of forest pest losses. The group observed timber blowdown in southern Oregon and Northern California. Salvage of wind-felled trees has resulted in much abatement of the hazards they present from insect attack and forest fires. While the loss of some 583 million feet from the storm was a catastrophe in California, that suffered in Oregon and Washington exceeded 12 billion board feet.

REFORESTATION

A field trip to observe progress in seeding and planting of cut-over lands was conducted in Humboldt County May 2 - 3 by the State Forester's Reforestation Advisory Committee. This committee was created in accordance to State law and is composed of foresters concerned with reforestation in a number of public and private organizations. Accompanied by representatives of the Board of Forestry, Redwood Forest Practice Committee, and the local community, the group examined results of seeding and planting on private lands being operated in accordance with plans alternate to the State Forest Practice Rules, and similar operations being conducted by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the U. S. Forest Service. Satisfactory restocking is evident on areas reforested a few years ago, but it is too early to evaluate results of more recent projects.

The Reforestation Advisory Committee was concerned about damage caused by the Roosevelt elk to young trees. Harvesting of timber has made the environment favorable to increase in herd population and thereby causing more foraging of t he trees by the animals. The group recommended that the Board of Forestry call

this matter to the attention of the Fish and Game Commission and the need for a policy for management of elk. This was accomplished by a resolution adopted by the Board of Forestry May 23 and transmitted to the hearing of the Fish and Game Commission held the following day. The California Forest Pest Control Action Council made a similar statement to the Commission.

Another reforestation study was initiated by the Division of Forestry in May. It is located on the 1959 Ice House burn in El Dorado County and is being conducted in cooperation with the Michigan-California Lumber Company. An area of five acres was treated to control rodents and two acres seeded by machine to ponderosa pine. This study is similar to five cooperative projects of this kind started by the Division since 1957 when the Legislature authorized the work.

EMERGENCY REVEGETATION

Over 19,000 acres of lands burned by wild fire were seeded by the Division of Forestry in 1962 according to a publication issued in May. Nine projects were conducted in cooperation with local agencies to revegetate critical watersheds in order to prevent flood run-off and soil erosion. Under this program the State absorbs 50% of the cost of this work.

TRAINING

Use of knowledge of soils in forestry was the subject of a field school held in Quincy May 13-15 by the University of California Agricultural Extension Service. About 60 private and public foresters, including seven from the Division of Forestry participated. The Division's forest soils specialist served on the teaching staff.

ENGINEERING

On April 29 a meeting was held with Mr. Fisher on the acquisition of Loma Prieta and St. Helena. It was decided to stay with the plan adopted by Finance to amend in $75,000 to the Department of Finance for the purchase of these two mountain tops. The two peaks will be transferred to Forestry upon their acquisition.

On April 26th the Correctional Industries Commission approved the Bodie project work to be performed for the Division of Beaches and Parks by the Inyo-Mono Conservation Camp. A full discussion was also heard on the method of selecting conservation camp sites with particular reference to the proposed camp at Piney Creek.

The lookout residence at Banner Mountain and the Assistant Ranger residence remodel and relocation at Perris are being advertised for soliciting of bids.

On May 3rd Forestry Work Project Foreman Vern Cassel and wards Garcia and Quijada were killed while reconstructing the telephone line to Penon Blanco Lookout. The formal reports are being studied.

On May 7th the capital outlay budget was reviewed by the Senate Finance Committee and taken under advisement.

On May 8th Petersen and Jacobson, together with District VI personnel, attended the Correctional Conference at Chino on planning for the Southern Conservation Center take-over. The present CRC program will be phased out of the Center buildings at Chino over a 6 to 7 month period. Although we are budgeted to activate the Prado Camp the first of October, it probably won't be staffed with inmates until November.

On May 21st we met with Finance, Legislative Analyst, and Architecture on our 1964-65 capital outlay program request. Certain of the projects were given to Architecture for the preparation of preliminary plans and cost estimates. The training center and the two ranger unit headquarters and two offices were deferred for further policy review.

CARELESSNESS COSTS MONEY

Donald E. Fisher of San Pablo volunteered payment of $147.22 to the State. This amount was the cost to Division of Forestry for suppressing a half acre brush fire on the Fisher property in Nevada County.

Investigation of the fire by Patrolman Robert E. Pantus showed Fisher had been burning piled debris on his Nevada property on Sunday, June 1 and had left for San Pablo before making certain that his fires were out. One of the smoldering fires escaped causing the half acre brush fire which was extinguished by Division of Forestry.

Mr. Fisher's recognition of his responsibility saved legal costs for himself and the State. It should also make him a good fire risk on his future visits to Nevada County.

FOREST SERVICE UPGRADES COOPERATIVE FOREST MANAGEMENT POSITION

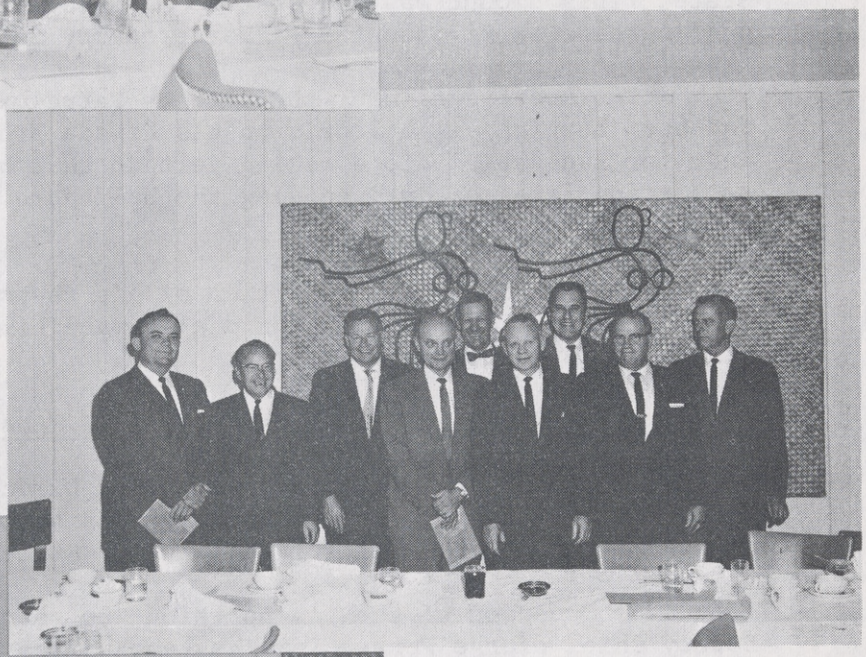
Arthur R. Spiller, for 17 years Director of the Division of Cooperative Forest Management in Washington, D.C., has been promoted to the new position of Associate Deputy Chief for Cooperative State and Private Forestry.

Creation of the new position, to serve directly under William Swingler, Deputy Chief of the Forest Service, emphasizes the importance placed on the management of the Nation's 4½ million "small woodlands" by the U.S.D.A.

Edward P. Cliff, Chief of the Forest Service, said, "... These woodlands have a great potential for both their owners and the Nation in the way of profits and job opportunities in forest products manufacture, outdoor recreation, fishing, hunting, water, and numerous special products, other than timber."

MASS PRESENTATION OF 25 YEAR PINS

Deputy State Foresters and District Fire Control Officers meeting in Sacramento on June 4 and 5 to formulate fire control plans for the 1963 season called a special night session at the El Rancho Hotel to honor eight "old timers" on completion of 25 years of State service.



Top left - Bertsch congratulates Mace while relating history which amuses Francis Raymond and Gerv. Nash.

Center - the eight 25-year pin awardees with a real "old timer." Left to right Asst. Dep. George Phibbs, Deputy Melvin Pomponio, Chief Deputy Lew Moran, Sr. Tech Herm. Meyer, Asst. Dep. Wm. Jacobson, State Forester Francis Raymond (32 years) Training Officer, Gerv. Nash, Dep. Jim Mace, and Dep. Chuck Fairbank.

Bottom left - George Phibbs tells "how it used to be" much to the amusement of Jacobson, Meyer, Dunow and Moran.

DIRECTOR NELSON RECIPIENT OF AN ALUMNI MERIT AWARD

DeWitt Nelson, Director of the California Department of Conservation, was the recipient of an Alumni Merit Award by Iowa State University on June 8. The award is in recognition of "an outstanding contribution to human welfare, which transcends purely professional accomplishments and brings honor to the University."

Mr. Nelson's career started with the U. S. Forest Service in California. During his 19 years with the Federal Government he was Supervisor of four National Forests. In 1944 he was appointed State Forester of California.

In 1953, Governor Earl Warren, now Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, appointed him Director of the California Department of Natural Resources. Subsequently, he was reappointed by Governors Goodwin Knight and Edmund G. Brown. In 1961 Governor Brown appointed him as director of the newly created Department of Conservation.

During his 38 years of public service he has been active in a large variety of resource fields, including forestry, parks and recreation, small craft harbors, mines and geology, oil and gas, and soil conservation.

SPECIAL OFFER TO DIVISION EMPLOYEES

The Division of Forestry will not only bask in some reflected glory, but will be represented as an important element in a new book titled, The Men of Mammoth Forest.

Floyd L. Otter, Forest Manager of Mountain Home State Forest, wrote the preliminary version of the story for a series of articles which were run in the Porterville Evening Recorder. The history of the State Forest plays a primary role in the story. After more research and considerable redrafting the material will be published in book form by Academy Guild Press of Fresno.

The book will contain some 160 pages, including 30 pages of pictures. It is essentially a history of the area Otter calls the North Tule Forest -- the land, the forest, and its passing generations of people over a period of a century.

Otter has done a great deal of intensive research and he writes in a direct, easily comprehended style. This book will be a valuable contribution to local California history.

Private book publishing ventures have always been financially precarious, and moreso nowadays. This documentary type of publication will be considered a literary nugget by a respectable number of local people and by professional book collectors. But the selling cost of books cannot be brought down until at least a couple of thousand sales are assured.

The publisher will ask about $5.00 per copy for Men of the Mammoth Forest. Author Otter says he is free to dispose of a portion of the production as he wishes. He has announced that members of the Division of Forestry can secure the book at three dollars ($3.00) plus tax and mailing (or about $3.40). Naturally, he and the publisher can offer more with a reasonable sales prediction prior to press time.

Division people who would like to purchase the book - for its own

informational and recreational value, or as a future collector's item - are urged to send Floyd Otter a postcard soon at his home: 15 East Dayton, Fresno 5. Publication date is set for late September.

FROM DIRT-STREET VILLAGE TO METROPOLIS: Fresno Reminiscences by Edwin M. Eaton

For thirty years a native Fresnan has been writing fascinating recollections of horse-and-buggy days in Fresno, as well as entertaining descriptions of travel to conventions and vacation spots, and occasional humorous descriptions of family episodes and personal experiences. Born on the site of Hardy's Theater, on what was known as Fresno's Nob Hill, Mr. Eaton attended Fresno schools and the University of California. He has watched Fresno grow from a dirt-street village of 10,000 in 1890 to its present metropolitan bustle. The book has many illustrations and the probable price is $3.95.

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Three and a half years after the printing of the Division's book California Government and Forestry, negotiations with the Department of Finance and State Printer have resulted in a sale price reduction to approximately the actual press and binding unit cost of production.

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PERSONNEL CHANGES

ADMINISTRATION

June 4, 1963, Letty L. Reid appointed Intermediate Typist Clerk in Business Management.

June 10, 1963, Herman H. Lalk appointed Stock Clerk at Davis, Warehouse and shops.

May 15, 1963, R. A. Verville appointed Assistant Mechanical Engineer in Engineering.

May 20, 1963, Penelope Mayfield appointed Intermediate Typist Clerk in Fire Prevention and Education.

May 20-63, Mary Dang appointed Intermediate Typist Clerk, Warehouse & Shops.

May 31, 1963, James E. Chambers transferred from District VI to Sacramento in Fire Control.

DISTRICT I

May 15, 1963, Larry J. Holms, has been appointed as Forest Firefighter Foreman, Lake County.

May 15, 1963, J. C. McKinnon has been appointed as Forest Firefighter Foreman, Humboldt County.

May 12, 1963, Robert L. Burkett has been reinstated as a Forest Fire Truck Driver, Mendocino County.

May 12, 1963, William E. Hickey has been reinstated as a Forest Fire Truck Driver, Humboldt County.

May 12, 1963, Bruce E. McKeen has been reinstated as a Forest Fire Truck Driver, Lake County.

May 15, 1963, Kenneth J. Mullan has changed location as a Forestry Work Project Foreman to Black Mountain Conservation Camp, Sonoma County.

May 15, 1963, Paul W. Friedrichs has changed location as a Forestry Work Project Foreman to Black Mountain Conservation Camp, Sonoma County.

May 15, 1963, George A. Smith has been appointed as Forestry Work Project Foreman, at Konocti Conservation Camp, Lake County.

May 15, 1963, Lee A. Sheldon has been promoted from District II to Forestry Work Project Foreman, Chamberlain Creek, Mendocino County.

May 27, 1963, William R. Franklin has been appointed as Forestry Equipment Operator, Lake County.

May 24, 1963, William A. Clark has been appointed as Forest Fire Truck Driver, Mendocino County.

May 24, 1963, Leonard D. Gwinn has been appointed as Forest Fire Truck Driver, Napa County.

May 24, 1963, John J. Lehre has been appointed as Forest Fire Truck Driver, Humboldt County.

May 24, 1963, Kenneth B. Haggard has been appointed as Forest Fire Truck Driver, Humboldt County.

May 27, 1963, Edwin F. Robbins has changed location from Lake to Sonoma County as a Forestry Equipment Operator.

May 30, 1963, Clarence E. Tinnell, Forestry Equipment Operator, Lake County has separated.

June 7, 1963, James M. Olsen has taken a voluntary demotion to take a position of Forest Firefighter Foreman, Mendocino County.

May 31, 1963, Frederick Cain, Forestry Superintendent, Conservation Camp, Parlin Fork, Mendocino County has transferred to District VI, Riverside County.

May 31, 1963, Jarel G. Culver has been appointed as Assistant Forestry Superintendent, Conservation Camp, Mobile, Lake County.

June 1, 1963, Frank H. Noyes has been appointed as Forestry Superintendent, Conservation Camp, Parlin Fork, Mendocino County.

June 17, 1963, Philip L. Ashcraft has been appointed as Groundsman, Sonoma County.

June 17, 1963, James M. Crowley has been appointed as Forest Fire Truck Driver, Mendocino County.

June 10, 1963, John C. Rosasco has been appointed as Forest Firefighter Foreman, Humboldt County on a reinstatement from education leave.

May 31, 1963, Glenn A. Zane has been appointed as Forest Firefighter Foreman, Humboldt County on a reinstatement from education leave.

May 31, 1963, Kenneth L. Gray has been promoted to Forestry Equipment Operator, Lake County.

June 9, 1963, Jeffrey B. Cockrell has been appointed as Forest Fire Truck Driver, Humboldt County.

June 17, 1963, David A. Folmar has been appointed as Forest Fire Truck Driver, Humboldt County.

June 9, 1963, William W. Fuller has been appointed as Forest Fire Truck Driver, Napa County.

June 9, 1963, Donald C. Hayes has been appointed as Forest Fire Truck Driver, Mendocino County.

June 9, 1963, Edmond T. Huff has been appointed as Forest Fire Truck Driver, Mendocino County.

June 9, 1963, Timothy P. Huntington has been appointed as Forest Fire Truck Driver, Napa County.

June 9, 1963, William T. Imboden has been appointed as Forest Fire Truck Driver, Lake County.

June 9, 1963, Kurt H. Krohn has been appointed as Forest Fire Truck Driver, Humboldt County.

May 31, 1963, Robert D. Robbins has been appointed as Forest Fire Truck Driver, Mendocino County.

June 9, 1963, Eric W. Ronback, Jr. has been appointed as Forest Fire Truck Driver, Napa County.

June 9, 1963, Johan W. M. Schorer III has been appointed as Forest Fire Truck Driver, Napa County.

June 17, 1963, Fred A. Schweiger has been appointed as Forest Fire Truck Driver, Mendocino County.

June 9, 1963, William H. Smith has been appointed as Forest Fire Truck Driver, Humboldt County.

June 8, 1963, Ronald S. Stammer has been appointed as Forest Fire Truck Driver, Lake County.

June 9, 1963, Oscar D. Stout has been appointed as Forest Fire Truck Driver, Humboldt County.

June 9, 1963, Robert M. Tonelli has been appointed as Forest Fire Truck Driver, Lake County.

June 10, 1963, George A. Weger has been appointed as Forest Fire Truck Driver, Mendocino County.

May 31, 1963, August E. Gamberg has returned as a Forest Fire Lookout, Humboldt County.

May 15, 1963, Virgil R. Williams has returned as a Forest Fire Lookout, Mendocino County.

DISTRICT II

June 4, 1963, Evertt E. Clark appointed one-half time Groundsman, Shasta County.

May 15, 1963, Bette L. Spicer reinstated as Intermediate Clerk, Shasta County.

May 31, 1963, Kenneth A. Austin promoted to Assistant State Forest Ranger Lassen County.

May 31, 1963, Robert D. Brown appointed Forestry Graduate Trainee Shasta County

May 31, 1963, Harold E. Worley promoted to Assistant Forestry Superintendent Conservation Camp, Lassen County.

May 31, 1963, Steve Richmond promoted to Assistant Forestry Superintendent Conservation Camp, Lassen County.

May 31, 1963, Louis E. Ross promoted to Forestry Work Project Foreman, Tehama County.

June 10, 1963, Fred H. Batchelor reinstated to Forest Firefighter Foreman, Shasta County.

June 10, 1963, Galen L. Daily reinstated to Forest Firefighter Foreman, Shasta County.

May 15, 1963, Walter H. Dillon promoted to Forest Firefighter Foreman Shasta County.

May 31, 1963, Dave L. Hagan reinstated as Forest Firefighter Foreman, Lassen County.

May 31, 1963, Robert W. Maxey promoted to Forest Firefighter Foreman, Shasta County.

June 3, 1963, Fred N. Benton appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver, Siskiyou County.

June 10, 1963, David R. Bradshaw appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver, Lassen County.

May 31, 1963, John L. Fitzgerald appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver, Shasta County.

June 10, 1963, Guy P. Gibson reinstated Forest Fire Truck Driver, Butte County.

June 19, 1963, Andrew T. Lenz appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver, Shasta County.

June 10, 1963, Jeffrey A. MacCabe appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver, Shasta County.

June 11, 1963, James R. McCollister reinstated as Forest Fire Truck Driver, Tehama County.

June 14, 1963, William P. Montgomery appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver, Lassen County.

June 4, 1963,
Thomas C. Needles reinstated as Forest Fire Truck Driver, Shasta County.

June 10, 1963, Frederick I. Nelson appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver, Shasta County.

June 3, 1963, William L. Offutt appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver, Siskiyou County.

May 31, 1963, Richard A. Patterson appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver, Lassen County.

June 4, 1963, John R. Prince reinstated as Forest Fire Truck Driver, Shasta County.

June 5, 1963, John H. Renstrom appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver, Shasta County.

June 12, 1963, Carl H. Schroeder appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver, Tehama County.

June 3, 1963, George S. Simmons reinstated as Forest Fire Truck Driver, Shasta County.

June 4, 1963, Stephen C. Whitlock appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver, Siskiyou County.

May 31, 1963, Roy E. Wilson appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver, Lassen County.

May 31, 1963, Norman E. Parker appointed Forestry Equipment Operator, Lassen County.

DISTRICT III

May 15, 1963, Louis F. Simeroth, Assistant Civil Engineer transferred from Water Resources to District III Headquarters.

May 1, 1963, Clarence D. Spaulding, Assistant Civil Engineer resinstated to District III Headquarters.

May 6, 1963, Robert W. Weaver, Associate State Forest Ranger, transferred to District III, Nevada Ranger Unit from Sacramento Headquarters.

May 13, 1963, Joe A. Wilkey promoted from Forest Firefighter Foreman at Calaveras to Forestry Work Project Foreman at Tuolumne.

May 31, 1963, Myrtle C. Brice appointed Forest Fire Lookout at Placer.

May 20, 1963, Floyd E. Hagaman appointed Forest Fire Lookout at Nevada.

May 20, 1963, William F. Hendsch appointed Forest Fire Lookout at Calaveras.

May 20, 1963, Vincent Mires appointed Forest Fire Lookout at Nevada.

May 22, 1963, Mary C. Husome appointed Camp Crew Cook at Amador.

May 10, 1963, Deon B. Barker, Jr., appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver at Tuolumne.

June 14, 1963, Frank E. Bates returned from Leave of Absence as Forest Fire Truck Driver at Placer.

May 20, 1963, John T. Bridges appointed as Forest Fire Truck Driver at Calaveras.

May 27, 1963, Ronald L. Cecil appointed as Forest Fire Truck Driver at Nevada.

May 27, 1963, Rand E. Claussen appointed as Forest Fire Truck Driver at Tuolumne.

June 3, 1963, William H. De Hart reinstated as Forest Fire Truck Driver at Nevada-Yuba.

June 3, 1963, Steve G. Durkovich appointed as Forest Fire Truck Driver at Amador.

June 3, 1963, David W. Dykes appointed as Forest Fire Truck Driver at Placer.

May 20, 1963, Lee A. Friedman appointed as Forest Fire Truck Driver at Calaveras.

May 31, 1963, Howard G. Joines appointed as Forest Fire Truck Driver at Nevada.

May 13, 1963, George F. Machado appointed as Forest Fire Truck Driver at El Dorado.

June 12, 1963, Dennis P. Maguire, Forest Fire Truck Driver at Placer, was reinstated from Leave of Absence.

June 18, 1963, John S. McKeown reinstated as Forest Fire Truck Driver at Sacramento.

June 6, 1963, James E. Owen appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver at Calaveras.

June 20, 1963, Jere M. Owen reinstated as Forest Fire Truck Driver at El Dorado.

June 11, 1963, Burton L. St. John reinstated as Forest Fire Truck Driver at El Dorado.

May 10, 1963, Allan H. Smith appointed as Forest Fire Truck Driver at Nevada-Yuba.

June 15, 1963, Michael H. Smith reinstated as Forest Fire Truck Driver at Tuolumne after education leave.

May 27, 1963, Clarence R. Weckman promoted from Forest Firefighter to Forest Fire Truck Driver at El Dorado.

May 10, 1963, Lawrence W. Woodhams appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver at Calaveras.

DISTRICT IV

May 20, 1963, Jack D. McCully promoted to Firefighter Foreman from Forest Fire Truck Driver in Tulare County.

May 1, 1963, Jimmie Washburn, Forest Firefighter Foreman transferred from Fresno County to Merced County.

May 1, 1963, Thomas F. Bales appointed as Forest Fire Truck Driver in Tulare County.

May 11, 1963, J. Roy Branum appointed as Forest Fire Truck Driver in Fresno County.

May 10, 1963, Wm. R. Creamer appointed as Forest Fire Truck Driver in Madera County.

May 24, 1963, Bruce Jay Dewhirst appointed as Forest Fire Truck Driver in Tulare.

May 24, 1963, Stanley F. Garcia appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver in Fresno.

May 10, 1963, Milton E. Herrold appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver in Tulare.

May 10, 1963, Fletcher D. Jackson appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver in Tulare.

May 10, 1963, Clifford E. Larson appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver in Tulare.

May 1, 1963, Charles F. Lehl promoted from Forest Firefighter to Forest Fire Truck Driver in Fresno.

May 10, 1963, Marvin D. Merrill appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver in Mariposa.

May 10, 1963, Donald C. Mott appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver in Tulare.

May 24, 1963, Leonard L. Shepherd appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver in Fresno.

May 10, 1963, James Taglio appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver in Madera.

May 13, 1963, Raymond U. Thompson appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver in Tulare.

May 27, 1963, Bobby J. Walker appointed as Forest Fire Truck Driver in Madera.

May 13, 1963, Carl Seaman promoted from Forest Firefighter Foreman to Forestry Work Project Foreman in Mariposa.

May 1, 1963, Clifford L. Haggard transferred from Merced County to Madera County.

May 30, 1963, Judity A. Lanza resigned as Intermediate Stenographer in Fresno.

May 24, 1963, Billy B. Jordan appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver in Tulare.

June 3, 1963, Michael Schneider appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver in Madera.

June 4, 1963, Linda Gregory resigned as Intermediate Stenographer in Fresno.

June 5, 1963, Clifford P. Jones resigned as Forestry Work Project Foreman in Tulare.

June 18, 1963, Mary Lou Uyemura appointed as Intermediate Stenographer in Fresno.

June 17, 1963, Verdean Hammett appointed as Intermediate Stenographer in Fresno.

May 31, 1963, Lawrence Collins promoted to Assistant Forestry Superintendent, Inyo-Mono Conservation Camp from Forestry Work Project Foreman at Mt. Home Conservation Camp in Tulare County.

May 31, 1963, Alton Robison, Forestry Work Project Foreman, transferred from Monterey County in District V to Fresno County in District VI.

May 31, 1963, Jack R. Wilcher, Assistant Forestry Superintendent Conservation Camp transferred from the Mobile Unit in Fresno County to Inyo County.

May 31, 1963, Bob Brewer, Forestry Work Project Foreman transferred from Tulare County to Inyo County.

May 31, 1963, Elmer O. Snell, Forestry Work Project Foreman transferred from Mariposa County to Inyo County.

May 31, 1963, Herman D. Willis, promoted to Forestry Work Project Foreman in Fresno County to Forestry Work Project Foreman in Inyo County.

May 31, 1963, Donald B. Gibson, Forestry Work Project Foreman, transferred from San Diego County in District VI to Inyo County in District IV.

May 31, 1963, James M. Graham,Forest Firefighter Foreman transferred from Tulare County to Madera County.

May 31, 1963, Jerry D. Jennings promoted to Forest Firefighter Foreman from Forest Firefighter Truck Driver in Tulare County.

May 1, 1963, Thomas F. Bales appointed to Forest Fire Truck Driver in Tulare County.

June 2, 1963, Douglas G. Brown appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver in Madera County.

May 31, 1963, J. Aaron Caldwell appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver in Tulare.

June 3, 1963, Wm. A. Gardner appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver in Fresno.

June 3, 1963, William E. Head appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver in Madera.

June 3, 1963, John L. Lewis appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver in Madera.

June 1, 1963, James E. Long, Jr., appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver in Fresno.

June 8, 1963, Roy D. Pike appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver in Fresno.

June 19, 1963, Stephen J. Saude reinstated after leave of absence as a Forest Fire Truck Driver in Tulare.

May 31, 1963, Stephen C. Sharkey appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver in Tulare.

DISTRICT V

June 17, 1963, A. John Teie appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver, Santa Clara County.

June 16, 1963, Franklin F. Frank, appointed Forest Firefighter Foreman, San Luis Obispo County.

June 18, 1963, Robert A. Angle appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver, Monterey County.

June 17, 1963, Robert S. Bottini appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver, Santa Clara County.

June 17, 1963, Craig S. Bradford appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver, Santa Clara County.

June 17, 1963, Michael A. Calhoun appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver, Santa Cruz County.

June 17, 1963, Philip H. Coelho appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver, Monterey County.

June 1, 1963, Michael J. Dudgeon appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver, Santa Clara County.

June 12, 1963, Raymond L. Hebrard appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver, San Luis Obispo County.

June 10, 1963, Jack B. Holly appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver, San Luis Obispo County.

June 17, 1963, Richard M. Hughes, Jr., appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver, San Benito County.

June 17, 1963, Arthur D. LeBel appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver, Santa Clara County.

June 17, 1963, Lennart Lindstrand, Jr., appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver, San Luis Obispo County.

June 21, 1963, Philip E. McChesney, Forest Fire Truck Driver, San Luis Obispo,resigned.

June 13, 1963, Robert G. McKeen appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver, San Luis Obispo County.

June 17, 1963, Richard L. Smithen appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver, San Luis Obispo County.

June 10, 1963, Richard F. Stacks appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver, San Mateo County.

June 12, 1963, William A. Weaver appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver, Santa Clara County.

June 18, 1963, Stephen A. Willey appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver, San Benito County.

June 3, 1963, Ellis D. Phillips appointed Forestry Equipment Operator, Santa Clara County.

June 17, 1963, Cecilia J. Laurente appointed Intermediate Stenographer Monterey County.

May 31, 1963, John F. Rotter, Forest Fire Truck Driver changed location from San Mateo County to Monterey County.

June 17, 1963, John F. Bollinger appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver, Santa Clara County.

May 15, 1963, Mary G. Anderson appointed Intermediate Typist Clerk, San Luis Obispo County.

May 13, 1963, Donald G. Lane appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver, San Benito County.

May 6, 1963, Robert B. Millsaps appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver, San Luis Obispo County.

May 17, 1963, Perry L. Perry appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver, Santa Cruz County.

May 13, 1963, Russell J. Anderson appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver, San Benito County.

May 16, 1963, Richard R. McConnell appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver, Santa Clara County.

May 18, 1963, Jerry Olson, Forest Fire Truck Driver, appointed San Luis Obispo County.

May 15, 1963, Manuel E. Brazil appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver, San Luis Obispo County.

May 20, 1963, Larry E. Berti appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver, Monterey County.

Dennis W. Perry returned from Military Leave May20, 1963, Santa Cruz County.

May 16, 1963, Ralph V. Crippen appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver, Santa Clara County.

May 20, 1963, Mac L. Fulkerson appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver, Monterey County.

May 20, 1963, Richard D. Tiller, appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver, Monterey County.

May 16, 1963, Joseph L. Wright appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver, San Luis Obispo County.

May 21, 1963, David E. Bradley appointed Forestry Equipment Operator, Santa Clara County.

May 22, 1963, William H. Adams appointed Forest Fire Lookout, Santa Clara County.

May 22, 1963, Charles L. Myers appointed Forest Fire Lookout, Monterey County.

May 18, 1963, Gary E. DeVincenzi appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver, San Mateo County.

June 6, 1963, Clifford Reed appointed Forest Fire Lookout, San Luis Obispo County.

June 5, 1963, Clifford McLaughlin appointed Forest Fire Lookout, Santa Cruz County.

June 3, 1963, Floyd W. Brissall appointed Forest Fire Lookout, Santa Clara County.

May 31, 1963, Harvey G. Rehn appointed Forest Fire Lookout, Monterey County.

June 14, 1963, Carl J. Weyman, Jr., resigned as Forest Fire Truck Driver, Monterey County.

May 31, 1963, William R. Marquez, Forest Fire Truck Driver, transferred from San Mateo to Santa Clara.

DISTRICT VI

May 15, 1963, Dolores C. Carter promoted from Intermediate Typist Clerk to Intermediate Stenographer.

June 3, 1963, Eugene Lincoln, Jr. appointed Forestry Equipment Operator in San Bernardino.

May 15, 1963, Vernon A. Terry returned from a Military Leave of absence as a Civil Engineering Technician I in Riverside.

June 1, 1963, Frederick Cain, transferred from Mendocino County to District VI as a Forestry Superintendent, Conservation Camp.

May 13, 1963, Calla M. Brauner appointed Forest Fire Lookout in San Diego.

May 13, 1963, Hubert L. Hatchel appointed Forest Fire Lookout in San Diego.

May 13, 1963, Jean L. Keller appointed Forest Fire Lookout in San Diego.

May 13, 1963, Howard K. Kline appointed Forest Fire Lookout in San Bernardino.

May 13, 1963, Elmer A. Senff appointed Forest Fire Lookout in San Bernardino.

May 13, 1963, Lee O. Wyatt appointed Forest Fire Lookout in San Diego.

May 17, 1963, Marshall V. Ballard promoted from a Forest Fire Truck Driver to a Forest Firefighter Foreman in San Diego.

May 13, 1963, Fordon O. Ginn promoted from a Forest Fire Truck Driver to a Forest Firefighter Foreman in San Diego.

May 1, 1963, Jerald E. Newton promoted from a Forest Fire Truck Driver to a Forest Firefighter Foreman in Riverside.

May 27, 1963, Bernie M. Smith promoted from a Forest Fire Truck Driver to a Forest Firefighter Foreman in San Diego.

May 24, 1963, Raymond B. Anderson appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver in San Diego.

May 13, 1963, June C. Bradley transferred from San Bernardino to San Diego as a Forest Fire Truck Driver.

May 17, 1963, Harold Christopher promoted from a Forest Firefighter to a Forest Fire Truck Driver in San Diego.

May 13, 1963, Leland M. Henry transferred from San Bernardino as a Forest Fire Truck Driver to San Diego.

May 13, 1963, Larry E. Herman transferred from San Bernardino as a Forest Fire Truck Driver to San Diego.

June 10, 1963, Chris Hinck, Jr., promoted from a Forest Firefighter to a Forest Fire Truck Driver in San Diego.

June 12, 1963, Ronnie L. Jones promoted from a Forest Firefighter to a Forest Fire Truck Driver in Orange County.

May 23, 1963, Robert M. Lazarus promoted from a Forest Firefighter to a Forest Fire Truck Driver in San Diego.

May 13, 1963, Russell P. Leland transferred from San Bernardino as a Forest Fire Truck Driver to San Diego.

May 15, 1963, Eugene D. Littrel promoted from a Forest Firefighter to a Forest Fire Truck Driver in San Bernardino.

May 13, 1963, Noel E. Lockwood transferred from San Bernardino as a Forest Fire Truck Driver to San Diego.

May 27, 1963, Clyde W. McKay promoted from a Forest Firefighter to a Forest Fire Truck Driver in San Diego.

June 10, 1963, Clyde W. McKay transferred from San Diego as a Forest Fire Truck Driver to Riverside.

June 12, 1963, Lee R. Moody appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver in Orange County.

May 13, 1963, Joseph Regalla transferred from San Bernardino as a Forest Fire Truck Driver to San Diego.

May 27, 1963, John C. Sleppy promoted from a Forest Firefighter to a Forest Fire Truck Driver in Orange County.

May 13, 1963, Taylor L. Stevens transferred from San Bernardino as a Forest Fire Truck Driver to San Diego.

May 9, 1963, Marvin R. Stuefloten promoted from a Forest Firefighter to a Forest Fire Truck Driver in Orange County.

May 13, 1963, Harry M. Van Bidder transferred from San Bernardino as a Forest Fire Truck Driver to San Diego.

May 22, 1963, Eric L. Vogt promoted from a Forest Firefighter to a Forest Fire Truck Driver in San Diego.

May 31, 1963, Wilbur I. Reed transferred from Riverside as a Forestry Equipment Operator to San Diego.

May 31, 1963, James E. Bouchard - voluntary demotion from a Forest Fire Truck Driver to a Forest Firefighter in San Diego.

June 17, 1963, Jack A. Story appointed Forest Firefighter in Orange.

June 20, 1963, Noel R. Seitz promoted from a Forest Fire Truck Driver to a Forest Firefighter Foreman in San Diego.

June 19, 1963, Roma R. McGinty appointed Forestry Equipment Operator in Riverside.

IN MEMORIUM

Former State Forest Ranger Lawrence E. Ruth died in Sacramento on June 29, after a long illness. He was 57.

Ruth, in charge of communications for the Division of Forestry, prior to World War II was from a family of rangers. His father, Dan, was Ranger in Yuba County from 1926 to 1937. His brother, George, was Ranger in Lassen County in the 1930's.

Larry Ruth entered the Air Force as a Major and founded a veterinary supply business in Sacramento after his release from the service.

Ruth is survived by his wife, Ethel, a sister, Lorraine, and brothers, Clarence, Lloyd, and George.

DISTRICT III

LETTER TO RONALD D. HANKS, SMARTVILLE FROM B. L. FRAZEE, SUPERINTENDENT, DATED APRIL 26, 1963

"I would like to extend to you the appreciation of the California Youth Authority and myself for the valuable assistance you voluntarily rendered in the apprehension of two wards who escaped from project crew by stealing a vehicle.

"Your attention to detail, diligence, and sense of responsibility to the State of California are indeed commendable. Through your efforts this camp was kept posted on the exact location of the escapees at all times. With this positive information I was able to direct the law enforcement agencies in such a manner that the two wards were in custody within a period of 26 minutes from time of escape.

"Your actions in this situation has certainly brought credit to the California Division of Forestry as well as to yourself. May I congratulate you."

LETTER TO DEPUTY DUNOW FROM WILLIAM MERLE, FORESTRY SUPERINTENDENT, DATED JUNE 4.

"At 2200 hours on Saturday, June 1, a 12-man inmate crew under the direction of Project Foreman D. Campbell was dispatched by me in response to a request from the Placer County Sheriff's Office.

"They assisted Lt. Paul Norton in the removal of a body from the Mumford Bar trail in the North Fork of the American River below Westville.

"The deceased Everett Vassar, age 55, of 7331 21st Street, Sacramento, suffered a fatal heart attack that afternoon while motor biking out of the canyon.

"The crew was fed at Forest Hill as guests of the Sheriff's Office and returned to Iron Mine at 0800 Sunday morning.

"The group was accompanied by Correctional Officer Arnold Kuhn."

DISTRICT IV

OUTDOOR CLASSROOMS

Students of Fresno County Schools may move to outdoor mountain classrooms for their wildland conservation lessons. Nearly 200 sixth-graders of

Reedley schools recently completed a week-long outing as a pilot program in "science conservation" for the Fresno County Schools system.

Although conducted on a limited scale in other areas of the State, the venture offered a new perspective to conservation programs in San Joaquin Valley schools.

Half of the youngsters were treated to the novel outdoor school during the last week in April and the remaining pupils attended repeated sessions during the following week. The scene was Bob Mathias Sierra Boys Camp, north of General Grant Highway, near Delilah Lookout.

The regular teaching staff was reinforced with several student teachers from Reedley Junior College, parent chaperones and guest specialists from conservation agencies. Studies embraced field trips to illustrate fire damage, forest regrowth, tree planting, etc.

Assistant Ranger Sam Garza of Fresno Ranger Unit explained the operations of the Division of Forestry, forest fire control problems and forest fire prevention. The role of the Division in the success of the pilot program is stated in a letter to Deputy Knowlton signed by Ben H. Watkins, Director of Elementary Education, and Lawrence E. Ecklund, Coordinator, which said in part:

"Mr. Garza made wonderful presentations to the children on the need for careful fire prevention practices while in the forest areas. The teachers and children both made many positive and fine comments concerning his presentations. We are certain that any science conservation education program would be incomplete if it did not include this phase of conservation - fire prevention."

R. T. Ford
Fire Prevention Officer

INYO-MONO CONSERVATION CAMP GETS ASSISTANT FORESTRY SUPERINTENDENT

Jack R. Wilcher, Assistant Forestry Superintendent, Conservation Camp, has been assigned to the Inyo-Mono Conservation Camp where he will be the operations officer for Forestry Superintendent John Clark.

Wilcher is transferring from the District IV Mobile Conservation Camp in Tulare County, where he has worked for the last three years.

Wilcher first worked for the California Division of Forestry in 1946 as a seasonal Forest Firefighter in the Squaw Valley District of the Fresno Ranger Unit. He served with the United States Air Force in 1948 and 1949. He returned to the California Division of Forestry as a Forest Fire Truck Driver and became a Forest Firefighter Foreman in 1950. In the summer of 1950, during the Korean conflict, he was recalled to the Air Force, stationed in Washington. After serving a year in the Air Force he returned to Forestry. Wilcher worked as a Forestry Work Project Foreman at Coarsegold, Madera County, from 1954 to 1960 when he became Assistant Forestry Superintendent, Conservation Camp.

Wilcher, his wife, Zora, their two children, Thomas, 8, and Jacquie, 5, will make their home in Bishop.

R. T. Ford
Fire Prevention Officer

JOHN WOOLLOMES APPOINTED FIRE CHIEF OF KERN COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

John Woollomes has been appointed Fire Chief of the Kern County Fire Department by the County Board of Supervisors, filling the vacancy left by Elmo Freear, who died in May.

Woollomes got into the fire business 27 years ago when he went to work for the California Division of Forestry as an Assistant Fire Truck Driver in Bakersfield. In the summer of 1938 he was appointed an Assistant State Forest Ranger assigned to the Lebec area in Kern County. Harold P. Bowhay, who is Chief of the Fire and Rescue Division, California Disaster Office, was then the State Forest Ranger for Kern County.

During the war, when manpower was spread pretty thin, Woollomes was assigned the entire westwide area of Kern County from the Tejon Ranch near the Ventura County line to Kings County on the north.

In 1946 when the County of Kern elected to provide fire protection for Zones I-II as well as Zone III, Woollomes' title, like other Assistant Rangers, was changed to Battalion Chief.

Over the years he has fought all kinds of fires, from forest to oil well fires and everything in between.

Woollomes was promoted to Deputy Fire Chief in May, 1951, a position he held until his present appointment as Fire Chief.

He and his wife, Mary, live in Bakersfield. He has two stepsons, Jim Geary, who is practicing veterinary medicine in Seattle, Washington, and Jack Geary, who is a Navy Lieutenant, assigned as an instructor at the Naval Academy at Annapolis for the next three years.

Bob Williams was promoted to Deputy Fire Chief of the Kern County Fire Department, filling the position previously held by Woollomes.

D. E. Knowlton
Deputy State Forester

DISTRICT V

NEWS ITEM APPEARING IN THE JUNE 6 KING CITY RUSTLER HERALD

Nice Guy--Many local folks will remember Francis Raymond. He was the State Ranger here in King City for some time. Now Francis is the Chief Ranger for the State of California, top job. Last week Supervisor Harold Henry and Henry Doyle of Greenfield had occasion to visit him in his official capacity.

They were there in Sacramento to discuss alternatives to the proposed Piney Creek site for the honor inmate camp that Arroyo Seco people oppose. Both report Raymond to be the fine, understanding gentleman that all remember here a nd say they had a pleasant interview.

They didn't report any commitment from Raymond about changing the location. But he did give them a fair hearing and they went away with the impression that a top man is on the job.

Nice for his old friends to know.

DISTRICT VI

LETTER TO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA, FROM TED CARLSON

"In the early morning of May 28 I was awakened from a dream to a real nightmare, when I heard my son phoning the fire department to report a fire, our fire. Our house was already blazing like an inferno.

"The fire and smoke spread so rapidly that my wife and I had time to remove one armload of clothes each. By the time my son and I had cleared the cars from the driveway, the Forestry truck was on the scene. This was most remarkable, as we live some three miles from where the trucks are stationed on the Fair Grounds.

"Soon after, a truck from the Indio Fire Department arrived followed by one from La Quinta. I have had little personal experience with controlling or fighting fires, but I would like to say that the speed and efficiency shown by the fire fighters was amazing. The fact that part of our house was saved speaks well for them, considering that it forty years old, two stories, frame and stucco construction and required a three mile run. Water damage was practically Nil and the firefighters did not go around breaking windows and chopping holes in inconvenient places, as I had thought was customary. Their attitude was one of extreme efficiency coupled with courtesy, kindliness and consideration.

"In behalf of myself and family, I would like to compliment the Board of Supervisors for having such a fire fighting unit stationed in Indio and say 'Thank God, They were there'."

LETTER TO DEPUTY MACE FROM W. JANE WESTENBERGER OF THE OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, RIVERSIDE.

"It is a pleasure to commend to you the work of Patrolman Ray Ritchey and Patrolman George Dugger who assisted with the 6th grade conservation education program for the Hemet schools. It was a pleasure to work with men so capable and so interested in their work. I know the children gained a better understanding of many conservation problems and of the work being done by your agency to help solve them.

"The conservation program gained a great deal from their efforts."

WANTED -- Helpful Division of Forestry employee who rendered aid at the scene of an auto accident November 4, 1962, 4:25 P.M., Highway 88, 1.8 miles west of Amador-San Joaquin County line. Employee and his pictures sure are needed as witnesses in civil suit. Employee or persons having information regarding this accident contact the State Forester's Office via your District as soon as possible.